



*Winds of March, we
welcome you,
There is work for you to
do.*

*Work and play and blow
all day,
Blow the Winter wind
away.*

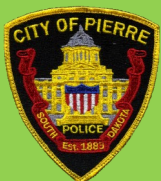
*March bustles in on
windy feet
And sweeps my doorstep
and my street.*

*She washes and cleans
with pounding rains,
Scrubbing the earth of
winter stains.*

*She shakes the grime
from carpet green
Till naught but fresh
new blades are seen.*

*Then, house in order, all
neat as a pin,
She ushers gentle
springtime in.*

—Susan Reiner



Chaplains' corner

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PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

By Charlie Wharton

Man, what a stretch! In addition to one of the worst winters we've seen in several years, there have been a lot of changes. People coming, going, getting (and not getting) reassigned. Some are having babies while others are finishing careers. All-in-all, there are a lot of people experiencing life-changing events. I have been around for a lot of years and I'm not sure I recall this much going on all at one time.

In the midst of all this transition and turmoil it is easy to become overwhelmed or even disheartened. It would be understandable for some to become disillusioned while others harbor hard feelings toward those who received a blessing or those who made the tough decisions. Yet, that's not what is best for us, our families or the Department. Frankly, after all the changes, we need one another more than ever. We are still a family,

the best support network most of us have!

So, how do can we find solace and revitalization from the past few months:

1. *Be happy for those who received a "blessing" and empathetic towards those who didn't.* Everyone will "win some and lose some". We may not understand "why" things happen; but, by rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep, we provide a balance in our Department, our families and our own lives.

2. *Remember that we are in the "service" business.* The most miserable we get is when we focus on *me*. Whether it's in our families, with our friends and co-workers or even on the job, when we develop the service mindset, we will not only deal with failures, we'll also keep an eye on the future.

3. *Appreciate what we have and where we are.* If you have been in other

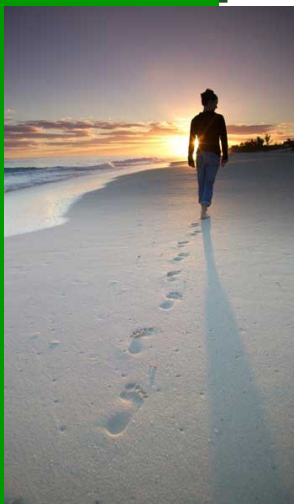
places or visited with others, it's easy to see that even on our worst days, we have it a lot better than others. The profession of Law Enforcement should be the greatest teacher of appreciation of all. We get to do what we love to do – and get paid for it! We are reminded every day (as we wallow in the mire of grief, sadness or evil) that our lives are pretty good.

In a final – and somewhat related thought – it's hard to believe that this year celebrates my 15th year with this Agency. I have been blessed to be a part of your lives and you have brought a joy and fulfillment into our family. You are special to me and my family. We have had some great times and we have shared some incredible events together. Yet, above all else, you have been a part of our family and treated us like yours. Thank you and may God bless you as much as you have blessed us!



"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."

CHANGING FACES by Mark Newton



It seems that we have been saying good-bye to a lot of people recently. In October we had to say good-bye to two very good officers — Ray Klinger and Leasa McFarling. This year has been no different. On February 26th we said good-bye to Mike Maskovich. Mike has been in law enforcement for 37 years, 26 of those years have been spent with us. While we wish Mike the best in his retirement and congratulate him on such a major accomplishment, we will miss him, and the experience and wisdom he brought to the department. This week we will be saying good-bye to another long-time member of Pierre PD — LT Dave DeJabet. Dave has been with the department for over 21 years and has been instrumental in making the Pierre PD the great organization that it is today. March 3rd will

be Dave's last day. We wish him the best in whatever endeavor he chooses.

As hard as it is to say good-bye to good friends, we have had the blessing of a lot of new additions to our family. Especially in the form of babies. In October Cole and Amanda were blessed with Cade Duane. In December, the Pells were blessed with a new baby girl — Brylee Jo. Our most recent addition is Shane Kolton Jones, born to Jason and Tasha on February 12th. We still have a couple of more additions coming. In the next couple of months Troy and Cristi Swenson will be having a baby, as well as Richard and Kari Bauman. Isn't it wonderful to see all these new babies?

Other new additions to our family in recent months include new faces in dispatch (Kade Anderson, Jayson Herra,

Michelle Rasmussen, and Cliff Garber) as well as some new faces in patrol (Kyle Cummings and Mike Harmon). At the end of May, we will have yet another new face in patrol: Lee Coppersmith. Lee is a graduate from NSU in criminal justice, and is currently working for New Beginnings in Aberdeen. We look forward to meeting Lee very soon.

In February we also swore in four new reserve officers (Holly Thompson, Barry Dufour, Timothy Flor and Brent Adams).

Change is part of growth. Let's be thankful for the changes and the growth that comes with it.

CONGRATULATIONS to our new sergeants:

SGT Brian Hines
SGT Jason Jones
SGT Derald Gross
SGT Bryan Walz

There will be a pinning ceremony on Monday, March 1st at 1730 in the multi-purpose room.

PEOPLE NEWS

On Thursday, February 18th, we had our annual Appreciation Banquet. Everyone at PD does such a great job, it's wonderful to see everyone noticed with such a good evening of food, family, and friends. It was also great to see the following people recognized for their accomplishments in 2009.

Dispatch Merit Awards:

~ Amanda Robey
~ Cindy Gross
~ Jana Jones

Award of Life Saving

~ Ray Klinger
~ Mark Jandt (x2)
~ Leasa McFarling
~ Bryan Walz

Medical Assist Award

~ Susan LaFave

Longevity Awards

5 Years
~ Samson Boutchee
~ Dusty Pelle

10 Years

~ Bret Sether
~ John Wollman
~ Troy Swenson
~ Bryan Walz

20 Years

~ David DeJabet
~ David Panzer Jr.

35 Years

~ Monica Bramblee

Monica also received special certificate and her own parking place!



BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Birthdays

10th Orie Bramblee
19th Mark Jandt
28th Brian Hines

Happy Birthday

PD Anniversaries

James Geuther 10 years
Cindy Gross 4 years

Congratulations



Events

1st Zesto Opens!
3rd Dave DeJabet Retires
14th Daylight Saving Time Begins
17th St. Patrick's Day
20th First Day of Spring

"Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'"

—Robin Williams

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